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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER ON U.S./EUROPE CONSULTATIONS

1. IN APRIL 1 CALL I ASKED PRIME MINISTER WERNER FOR HIS VIEWS ON THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE BEEN SET FORTH TO PROVIDE FOR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND E.C. WERNER SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED IT CRUCIAL TO DEFINE EXACTLY WHAT THE U.S. MEANT BY CONSULTATION ON E.C. "DECISION-MAKING." WHILE THE E.C. COULD PROBABLY APPROVE A CONSULTATIVE PROCESS WITH THE U.S. ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, WERNER OBJECTED TO THE
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THEORY THAT EVERY MAJOR E.C. DECISION SHOULD BE SUBJECT

TO PRIOR COMMENT BY THE U.S. HE SAID THAT CERTAIN MAJOR MATTERS PERTAINING PRINCIPALLY TO INTERNAL E.C. AFFAIRS, LIKE THOSE MANY ISSUES AFFECTING INTERNAL U.S. AFFAIRS, SHOULD NOT BE THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATION. WERNER SUGGESTED THAT IF THE U.S. AND E.C. COULD FIRST AGREE ON WHAT SUBSTANTIVE AREAS SHOULD BE COVERED BY CONSULTATIONS, IT WOULD THEN NOT BE DIFFICULT TO AGREE ON A PROCESS FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS.

2. IN EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS IN CERTAIN KEY AREAS, WERNER FIRST CITED THE SECURITY FIELD. HE ASSERTED THAT THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN STRATEGIC GUARANTEES IN WESTERN EUROPE GAVE THE U.S. THE RIGHT TO BE CONSULTED BY THE E.C. ON ALL POLITICAL MATTERS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT OUR STRATEGIC PRESENCE HERE. ON THE RELATED POINT OF HOW TO DEAL WITH THE NATO AND U.S./E.C. DECLARATIONS, WERNER EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN HAVING THE NATO DECLARATION CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY. BY IMPLICATION, HE SHOWED LESS ENTHUSIASM FOR PURSUING THE DRAFTING OF THE U.S./E.C. DOCUMENT. FARKAS

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